

Safety IGA – Draft

Issue:

1. Two hundred additional lives could be saved if Michigan attained 100% seat belt usage compliance.
2. City and county road system accounts for 60 percent of the fatalities in Michigan.
3. The greatest gains in further reducing fatalities are to be had through enforcement and education.
4. Non-signalized intersections and run-off-the-road accidents account for 49% of all fatalities in Michigan and needs to be addressed by all authorities.
5. Affecting driver behavior will have one of the biggest impacts on reducing the fatalities in Michigan.
6. Drugs and alcohol account for 500 deaths of men, women and children in Michigan each year.

Goals:

1. Encourage Michigan to adopt the new national goal of reducing fatalities to one in 100 million vehicle miles traveled by 2008.
2. Cities, counties, MDOT and law enforcement pool financial and technical resources to reduce fatalities.
3. Accurate and up-to-date accident information must remain a high priority and is the key to having the tools to reduce fatalities in Michigan.

Actions:

1. Encourage the creation of Traffic Improvement Associations (TIA's), similar to the Oakland County TIA, in each county or regional area.
2. Develop an outreach program to achieve the goal of one accident per million vehicle miles of travel by 2008.
3. Provide information and education for road authorities regarding low cost / high benefit safety improvements.